



## **Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Of the San Benito Resource Conservation District**

Thursday July 26, 2017 at 4:00 pm

The SBRCD typically meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at the NRCS Field Office at  
2337 Technology Parkway, Suite C in Hollister, CA at 5pm.

Conference Dial-In-Number: 1(302) 202-1114

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1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Public Comments *(The public may comment on any item not on the agenda. The law does not permit Board action on, or extended discussion of, any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Board action is requested, the matter may be placed on a future agenda. Speakers comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.)*
3. Approval of Minutes: June 2018
4. Treasurer's Report/ Pay Bills (discussion & action)
  - a. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Transaction Detail Summary
  - b. Invoices to be paid
5. New Business (discussion and action)
  - a. Kathleen Robbins: input and perspective on grants and grant writing.
6. Old Business (discussion and possible action)
  - a. SBRCD Strategic Planning. Discussion on what direction the board would like the RCD to follow.
7. Ongoing Reports
  - a. NRCS District Conservationist Report for Hollister Service Center, Erika Boyland
  - b. Director's Report
  - c. RCD District Manager Report
8. Incoming Correspondence (Correspondence folder is available for review at each board meeting, but is not included in the formalized agenda)

- a. Ag Alert July 2018
- b. Farm Bureau News June 2018
- c. Special District Board Member Handbook 2018
- d. Sustainable AG Expo Nov. 12-14, 2018. San Luis Obispo, CA  
[www.sustainableagexpo.org](http://www.sustainableagexpo.org)

9. Upcoming Meetings and workshops

- a. Board of Director's Boot Camp. Information send out as requested and attached here. **[Registration is open for the RCD Board Leadership Boot Camp taking place in Oakhurst, CA from September 7-8!](#)** Directors from all over the state are encouraged to attend. This is a rare opportunity to participate in a program designed to meet the specific needs of RCD leaders. In this training directors will build the confidence that it takes to be successful in the unique work environment of an RCD and meet other RCD directors doing the same kinds of work. Please let your colleagues know about this opportunity and help us spread the word!
- b. **Pajaro Compass Network Stakeholder Meeting Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** -- The [Pajaro Compass](#) is a partnership among conservation, agriculture, transportation, government, and community representatives who champion the many values of the Pajaro River Watershed for people and nature.
- c. **August 6<sup>th</sup>– 8<sup>th</sup> -- Holistic Management and Financial Planning -- Paso Robles** 9am to 4pm at Tablas Creek Vineyard, 9339 Adelaida Rd. This course covers the foundations of Holistic Management, holistic decision-making and is a comprehensive study of the methods, tools and techniques of Holistic Land Planning and Ecological Monitoring. Participants gain hands-on experience developing their own land plans and collecting ecological data. [Details here.](#)
- d. **Livestock & Land Grants Available to Improve Drainage on Livestock Properties**

The Loma Prieta and San Benito Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) are offering \$175,000 in grants to local livestock owners in southern Santa Clara and San Benito Counties located within the Pajaro River Watershed. Funds from the Livestock and Land Program can help pay for improvements to livestock and horse properties for managing drainage, erosion, stormwater

runoff and manure. [More information here](#) or contact Dina Iden at 408-847-4171.

e. **[Registration is now open](#) for the 27th Annual Cal-IPC Symposium!**

The Symposium will take place in Monterey, CA from Nov. 7-10. The focus will be on land management to learn about the latest findings in invasive plant biology and management and celebrate another year of weed work across the state. They will have a special training on preventing Phytophthora from ruining your restoration, and field trips to Big Sur, Elkhorn Slough (including kayaking), Fort Ord, and the Salinas River.

f. **Sustainable Agricultural Research & Education (SARE)** has released a new publication, [Cultivating Climate Resilience on Farms and Ranches](#), to provide producers with an overview of strategies to manage the climate risk their operations face. This free publication is also available to educators in quantity for use in educational workshops, classes or tours.

**10. Adjournment- Next scheduled meeting Aug 23, 2018**